

Helms Mistakenly Refers To Bhutto as From India

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When Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan visited the Senate floor yesterday, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) mistakenly introduced her as the leader of India, her country's neighbor and rival.

"The Foreign Relations Committee has had the honor of welcoming the distinguished prime minister of India, and I wish to bring her to the floor," intoned Helms, the committee's chairman.

Five minutes later, after Bhutto shook senators' hands, Helms said he had just completed "a delightful hour-and-a-half conversation" mostly about India. A colleague informed him that he had misidentified the prime minister, he said.

"If I said that, I've never made a more grievous error and I hope the record will be changed to show that," Helms said.